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Green concerning Extended Telephone

Service - Southwestern Bell's letter

to Mr benison @ FCC.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JAN 29 1997

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF SECRETARY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)		
Plaintiff,)) Civil Acti	on No. 83-1298-HHG	
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GTE CORPORATION,	FILED		
Defendant.)	JAN 2 n 1995	
	ORDER	CLERK, U.S. DIE PRICE COURT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	

On consideration of GTE Corporation's Motion for an Order Authorizing Contel
Of Texas, Inc. to Provide InterLATA, Flat-Rate, Non-Optional, Two-Way Extended
Local Calling Service (ELCS) Between its Morgan Exchange and the Meridian and
Clifton Exchanges of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and Central Telephone
Company, Respectively, and Authorizing GTE Southwest Incorporated to Provide
InterLATA, Flat-Rate, Non-Optional, Two-Way ELCS Between its Blessing and
Markham Exchanges and Between its Blessing Exchange and the Bay City Exchange
of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, filed December 22, 1994, it is hereby

ORDERED that GTE's Motion be, and it hereby is, granted; and it is further
ORDERED that Contel of Texas, Inc. be permitted to provide interLATA,

flat-rate, non-optional, two-way ELCS between its Morgan Exchange and the Meridian
and Clifton Exchanges of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and Central

Telephone Company, respectively; and it is further

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ORDERED that GTE Southwest Incorporated be permitted to provide InterLATA, flat-rate, non-optional, two-way ELCS between its Blessing and Markham Exchanges and between its Blessing Exchange and the Bay City Exchange of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

Dated: Ja. 19 1795

Harold H. Greene
United States District Judge

Southwestern Bell Telephone



"The One to Call On".

April 10, 1996

Mr. B. Benison
Federal Communications Commission
Common Carrier Bureau
Enforcement Division
Consumer Protection Branch
Stop Code 1600A2
Washington, D.C. 20554

APR 17 1996

Dear Mr. Benison:

RE: City of Morgan
IC 96-00962
Notice of Informal Complaint
dated March 13, 1996

This responds to the Notice of Informal Complaint of Mr. Harold E. Vandiver, Jr., on behalf of the City of Morgan, Texas. Mr. Vandiver's complaint involves Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's ("SWBT") provision of Extended Local Calling Service between the City of Morgan, Texas and the City of Meridian, Texas.

The Extended Local Calling Service in question was authorized by the Texas Public Utilities Commission and involves transportation of local calls across boundaries established in the Modified Final Judgment ("MFJ") in the AT&T Divestiture proceeding. These boundaries are known as LATAs and SWBT was prohibited by the MFJ from transporting traffic across these boundaries without a waiver from the District Court having jurisdiction over the proceeding.

SWBT sought a waiver from the MFJ Court in order to provide the service, however, no action was taken by the Court on this request. Since the filing of that waiver request, Congress passed the 1996 Telecommunications Act ("ACT") which essentially eliminates the jurisdiction of the MFJ Court and places responsibility for compliance with LATA boundary restrictions in the hands of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC").

One Bell Center St. Louis, MO 83101-3099 Mr. Benson Page 2 April 10, 1996

The Act contains a provision, Section 271, which states that all traffic across LATA boundaries is interLATA traffic. Both LATAs are located in the State of Texas, part of SWBT's in-region operating territory. The Act prohibits SWBT from providing interLATA services in-region until the State and the FCC certify that SWBT has complied with "competitive checklist" requirements. SWBT is, therefore, unable to provide the Extended Local Calling Service at this time. SWBT has notified the FCC of the above-described problem and has asked for guidelines. (See attached letter to Ms. Regina Keeney dated March 22, 1996). SWBT is currently awaiting the FCC's response.

We trust this provides the information you require and resolves the matter as to SWBT.

Sincerely,

Executive Assistant

CC: City of Morgan

Honorable Chet Edwards

Attachment